

AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated March 8, 2005 please amend the above-identified application as follows:

1. (canceled) A stabilizer pad apparatus comprising:
 - a pair of plate members supported from a stabilizer arm;
 - a pad assembly that is adapted for mounting between said pair of plate members;
 - said pad assembly including:
 - a resilient pad having opposite ground engageable work surfaces and opposite support surfaces, and
 - a plurality of support members extending from the opposite support surfaces of said resilient pad,
 - said support members each adapted for engagement with a receiving slot of one of said plate members for mounting of said pad assembly to said plate members; and
 - at least one retaining member extending through said resilient pad and between said plate members for holding said pad assembly to said plate members;
 - said retaining member removable to permit said resilient pad to be moved between said opposite work surfaces and to be re-engagable so as to permit selective positioning of either of said opposite work surfaces for use as a surface for ground engagement.
2. (canceled) A stabilizer pad apparatus as set forth in claim 1 wherein said resilient pad is formed as a molded rubber pad having at least one hole for receiving said at least one retaining member.
3. (canceled) A stabilizer pad apparatus as set forth in claim 1 wherein said resilient pad comprises a plurality of laminated rubber layers.

4. (canceled) A stabilizer pad apparatus as set forth in claim 1 wherein said opposite ground engageable work surfaces are disposed transverse to said opposite support surfaces.

5. (canceled) A stabilizer pad apparatus as set forth in claim 1 wherein said support members are disposed in separate sets at each side of the resilient pad and extend outwardly from the opposite support surfaces.

6. (canceled) A stabilizer pad apparatus as set forth in claim 1 wherein said support members are comprised of elongated support rods.

7. (canceled) A stabilizer pad apparatus as set forth in claim 1 wherein said plate member each have a plurality of spaced slots.

8. (canceled) A stabilizer pad apparatus as set forth in claim 7 wherein said slots are straight slots.

9. (canceled) A stabilizer pad apparatus as set forth in claim 7 wherein said slots are tapered slots.

10. (original) A resilient pad structure mounted from a support weldment comprising:

a unitary resilient pad having opposite ground engaging surfaces, one of which is adapted to be in a downwardly facing orientation for ground engagement;

a plurality of support posts extending from said resilient pad at spaced intervals and each adapted for engagement with an accommodating slot of said weldment; and

at least one securing member that is connectable between said resilient pad and said weldment for holding said resilient pad to said weldment.

11. (original) A stabilizer pad structure as set forth in claim 10 wherein said support posts extend from opposite sides of said resilient pad.

12. (original) A stabilizer pad structure as set forth in claim 10 wherein said support posts are spaced along opposite support sides of said resilient pad and along a linear locus.

13. (original) A stabilizer pad structure as set forth in claim 10 wherein said resilient pad has a plurality of passages therethrough, each for receiving an elongated support member, the opposite free ends of which form said support posts.

14. (original) A stabilizer pad structure as set forth in claim 10 including an adaptor plate disposed between the resilient pad and weldment.

15. (original) A stabilizer pad structure as set forth in claim 10 wherein said support posts are disposed so that there is a greater wear surface on one side of the pad than the other side.

16. (original) A stabilizer pad structure as set forth in claim 10 wherein resilient pad is formed of pad sections of different hardness.

17. (original) A stabilizer pad structure as set forth in claim 10 wherein said weldment has grouser points.

18. (original) A resilient stabilizer pad comprising:
a resilient pad member having opposite ground engaging surfaces, one of which is adapted to be in a downwardly facing orientation for ground engagement, and having opposite support surfaces; and

a plurality of mounting lugs including one lug set extending from one support surface side of said resilient pad member for releasable engagement

with a corresponding slot set of one support plate of a weldment, and another lug set extending from an opposite support surface side of said resilient pad member for releasable engagement with a corresponding slot set of another support plate of a weldment.

19. (original) A resilient stabilizer pad as set forth in claim 18 wherein said resilient pad has a plurality of passages therethrough, each for receiving an elongated support member, the opposite free ends of which form said support lugs.

20. (original) A resilient stabilizer pad as set forth in claim 18 wherein said support lugs are spaced along opposite support sides of said resilient pad and along a linear locus.

21. (new) A resilient pad structure for mounting from a support weldment at a series of slots in respective plate members of the weldment, said resilient pad structure comprising:

a resilient pad having opposite ground engagable surfaces, one at a time of which is adapted to be in a downwardly facing orientation for ground engagement while the other surface is out of ground engagement;

said resilient pad also having opposite support surfaces that are disposed generally transverse to said ground engagable surfaces;

a plurality of support rods extending through said resilient pad and disposed in a pattern corresponding to and for engagement at respective ends thereof with said series of slots of said weldment;

said support rod ends extending beyond respective opposite support surfaces of said resilient pad for engagement with said slots.

22. (new) A resilient pad structure as set forth in claim 21 including at least one securing member that is connectable between said resilient pad and said weldment for holding said resilient pad to said weldment.

23. (new) A resilient pad structure as set forth in claim 22 wherein said securing member comprises at least one retaining pin that extends through the resilient pad and a hole in each plate of the weldment.

24. (new) A resilient pad structure as set forth in claim 21 wherein said resilient pad comprises a laminated pad including a plurality of resilient pad layers inter-engaged by at least said support rods to form a unitary resilient pad..

25. (new) A resilient pad structure as set forth in claim 21 wherein said resilient pad comprises a molded pad having the support rods pass therethrough for support of said resilient pad.

26. (new) A resilient pad structure as set forth in claim 21 wherein said support rods are force fit in accommodating holes in said resilient pad.

27. (new) A resilient pad structure as set forth in claim 21 including a sleeve on each end of each said support rod.

28. (new) A resilient pad structure as set forth in claim 21 wherein the support rod has a roughened surface to enhance engagement with the resilient pad.

29. (new) A resilient pad structure as set forth in claim 21 including at least one side plate for holding the support rod in place.